



Simulated attack tests medical readiness

Story and photo by Spc. James Hunter
MNC-I PAO

Just as any other day at Al Faw Palace, Soldiers work to continue the mission of freeing Iraq.

Boom! Suddenly the palace shakes and the noise within becomes faint. Soldiers run around frantically trying to figure out what has went wrong.

A bomb went off within the palace. Seven Soldiers lie wounded on the ground. Combat lifesavers rush over to provide medical aid to the casualties.

Thankfully, this scenario was an exercise held Friday based on a simulated attack on the palace.

The exercise prepares Soldiers within the palace to react in the event of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, bombs, mortar attacks or for the worst case scenario, said 2nd Lt. Albert Park, officer in charge, Headquarters Commandant, Multi-National Corps- Iraq.

Park and his Soldiers provide command and control for the palace by dispatching personnel to designated locations in case of an attack.

Once the attack occurs, they check with each section for casualties and direct their CLS and litter teams to meet at the rally points on each floor.

Each section has trained CLS and litter teams ready to provide initial aid to casualties.

Once each team is accounted for at the rally points, they are distributed amongst their floor to treat each patient and evacuate the casualties to the nearest casualty collection point where the surgeon, tactical medical center and Medevac stand ready to provide further medical treatment.

Once each patient has been treated, evacuated and the palace is secured, Park



Pfc. Scott Krumwiede (left), Multi-National Corps-Iraq, command group, and Spc. John Huth, MNC-I, command group, prepare an intravenous for a patient during a mass casualty exercise at the Al Faw Palace Friday. The exercise prepares Soldiers in the event a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, bomb or mortar round strikes the palace.

gains personnel accountability of all MNC-I and Multi-National Forces-Iraq until 100% accountability is reached. Each section reports their accountability status each hour until every person is accounted for. Sgt. 1st Class Shaun Silas, Inspector General's Office, MNC-I, said combat lifesavers must ensure all patients have been identified, treated and evacuated, leaving no Soldier behind.

"(Combat lifesavers) are the first responders between someone living and dying," said Sergeant Maj. Anthony C. Kendrick, sergeant major, Surgeon's Cell, MNC-I. "They are going to make the initial contact with the Soldier."

Kendrick said that the exercise is real and Soldiers need to focus and take the training serious.

"It's critical. It's about saving lives and handling people," he said. "It's imperative that we get people taken care of."

Kendrick said that the exercise gave the palace a chance to see where they stood medically, to find their weak points and improve upon them.

"This exercise gives the Soldiers food to digest as they go to sleep tonight," Kendrick said. It is important that the combat lifesavers continue to train to meet the need of the patients in the event a situation like this would occur, he said.

Silas said the Soldiers have been through the CLS course, but no training is like the hands on experience they receive with an exercise of this magnitude, he continued. They need to continue to look after one another and fight as one.

The training should not be taken lightly, said Park. It is an extremely serious and important training aid.

Every Soldier is fighting this war together, he continued. They need to continue to look after one another and fight as one.

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Medical brigade holds Combat Patch Ceremony

Story and photo by Pfc. Sean C. Finch

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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Medical Brigade held a combat patch ceremony at Camp Victory, 7:30 a.m. Friday.

The brigade received the patch recognizing their accomplishments while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit received orders to deploy in support of OIF in August and deployed in late September, replacing the 44th Medical Brigade as the leading unit for medical supplies, and evacuations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

"The patch you put on your right shoulder represents honor, dignity, integrity and those things which we hold most dear to us," said Col. Steven Swann, 30th Med. Bde. commander. "This patch represents your service here and a great service to our country."

"It is truly an honor to serve with you. Congratulations on a job well done," he said.

Swann included that the lives of every soldier have changed. All soldiers in this unit will now be recognized as having been deployed.

This is not the first time the brigade deployed in support of combat operations.

The brigade was originally constituted in Texas in October 1933 as the 30th Medical Regiment. The unit was re-designated as the 30th Med. Bde. in 1943 and moved to Liverpool, England where the unit was immediately deployed to Omaha beach during World War II.

In 1953, the unit moved to Korea and stayed there until it deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Pfc. Will Bratton, 30th Med. Bde. staff judge advocate clerk, was excited to be part of the brigade's recent history.

"I am glad that we could get the job done. I think we have really stepped up our game and done a lot to improve the medical situation here in Iraq," he said.

The capability to perform the mission has more than doubled since the arrival and the brigade is getting medical attention to new places every day, he said.

The patch, as with all medical patches in the Army, is based on the colors maroon and white. The upright sword represents military readiness and is entwined by a serpent recalling the



Capt. Gary S. Cooper, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Medical Brigade, awards his Soldiers with combat patches during a ceremony held at Camp Victory Friday.

Staff of Aesculapius and the heritage of the medical service. The star in the mouth of the serpent represents the unit's origin in Texas.

Swann concluded his speech with words of inspiration, "We are halfway through our tour, let us continue to strive for excellence and do extraordinary things."

Camp Victory Three-day forecast

Saturday



Sunny
High: 65 F
Low: 45 F

Sunday



Mostly Cloudy
High: 64 F
Low: 46 F

Monday



Light Rain
High: 63 F
Low: 49 F

Chaplain's Corner

War or Discipline

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every one who He receives. Hebrews 12:6

Looking at all the reports, battle updates and a wheel barrel load of information all around us, I see that we are in a "high stress" environment. Many soldiers are here for their first deployment. Some are returning for a second or even third tour of duty. In my personal devotion time, I seriously got to thinking about how I perceive the stressful events of my day.

One thing I catch myself doing a lot is to view anything unpleasant that happens to me as the result of "spiritual warfare". When troubles and hardships arise, I ask God to take away their distress.

For me the problem is my predicaments may have nothing to do with "spiritual warfare" at all. Oh, it appears far more "warriorly" for me to explain my hardships as



Maj. Charles M. Herring
MNC-I Religious Support Coordinator

determined attacks upon myself, rather than admitting that I am merely reaping what I have sown and am being disciplined by God. Galatians 6:7 reminds me, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

What I often mistake as an attack may actually be discipline from God. If you have neglected your role as spiritual teacher to your children, God may allow them to take a path of mistakes. If you have been dishonest at work,

God may discipline you by letting you face the consequences.

It would be silly to pray that God would ease our discomfort. God is disciplining us in order to gain our attention and bring necessary change into our lives. How tragic never to make the connection between our problems and God's discipline.

God's discipline will not help us if we dismiss it as personal attacks or spiritual warfare. Not every hardship we face is the discipline of God, but the Bible indicates that God will discipline us.

If we misunderstand God's disciplining, we may actually blame God for not answering our prayers or failing to protect us from bad things. Meanwhile, God is warning us of the danger we face because of our mistakes.

Are there difficult circumstances in your life? Perhaps it is the discipline of God. God, whose nature is perfect love, will correct you because He has your ultimate good in His heart.

Provost Marshal Statement

Lt. Col. Jack Miller
Provost Marshal

The Victory Base Complex Provost Marshal Office statistics from Nov. 8 2005 to Feb. 9, 2006 show there were 8 DUI cases (3 military, 5 civilian), 17 intoxicated person cases (10 military, 7 civilian), 9 found contraband alcohol cases (2 military 7 civilian) and three alcohol overdose cases that required immediate medical care.

Excerpt from General Order # 1 A, (c):

The introduction, possession, sale, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of any alcoholic beverage within the MNC-I area of responsibility is a violation of USCENTCOM General Order 1A (c). This General Order applies to military personnel or

civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the Armed Forces of the United States, while assigned to or under the operational control of the Commander, MNC-I and present for duty in Kuwait or Iraq. (15 October 2005).

Some of our coalition partners are authorized to consume alcohol and alcoholic beverages. Additionally, some American agencies and contractors are authorized to consume alcohol. However, U.S. Department of Defense military, civilians, and contractors are not authorized. Third Country Nationals and Local Nationals are not allowed to possess or consume alcohol on Victory Base Complex. The penalties are very severe for all. Violations by civilians and contractors can lead to termination of employment, banning from installations

MNC-I wide, and even deportation from Iraq. Contractors and civilians will also have letters sent to their employers and corporate offices. Servicemembers of all services will be punished under UCMJ actions and possible confinement. DUIs will be dealt with most harshly of all! These violators will face loss of all driving privileges, ban from installations MNC-I wide, UCMJ/MCM action, etc.

Play it safe. When offered an alcoholic beverage from someone, tell them NO!

**Report all crimes to Victory Base Complex Military Police Station
DSN: 318-822-4790 MCI: 914-360-4823 IRAQNA: 0790-194-2960**

Operating hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Shopette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Chapel (Bldg. 31)

Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Service Noon
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.
Episcopal 4 p.m.
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.
Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.
Eastern Orthodox services:

Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.
Confession 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic

Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

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10K FUN RUN/WALK




MWR AREA 51
Feb. 19 2006
Show Time 6:30 am
Start Time 7:00 am

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SAFETY ALERT

HEADQUARTERS
MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS-IRAQ
BAGHDAD (HQ)
APO AE 0942

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Explosives Safety: Claymore Mines Attached to US Vehicles

WARNING:
DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO SOLDIERS, OR DAMAGE TO ARMY EQUIPMENT WILL OCCUR IF THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MESSAGE ARE NOT FOLLOWED

Claymore Mines (M18A1) installed on MNC-I vehicles is strictly prohibited. A unit was observed illegally using a Claymore Mine as a standard TTP on the vehicle below. This method is forbidden! The M18A1 has a back-blast concussion area of 16 meters and a forward blast pattern of 250 Meters. This crew endangered untold numbers of their fellow Soldiers by this grossly unsafe action. Leaders will account for, adequately secure, properly utilize and employ explosive devices as doctrinally intended.




Note the Claymore mine zip tied to the bumper. The blasting cap installed in the mine and wired to the cab. Vehicle spotted in Service Members living Area.

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February 20, 2006
12:00 - 1:30 a.m.

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This driver was wearing his seat belt, driving within the speed limit and he was in his proper lane.



The driver of this vehicle had his life tragically altered by a reckless driver.
Don't be the OTHER driver!!

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